

MISSION, OBJECTIVES, AND SOLUTION PRINCIPLES

The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop and implement a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. CALFED developed the following objectives :

- Provide good water quality for all beneficial uses.
- Improve and increase aquatic and terrestrial habitats and improve ecological functions in the Bay-Delta to support sustainable populations of diverse and valuable plant and animal species.
- Reduce the mismatch between Bay-Delta water supplies and current and projected beneficial uses depending on the Bay-Delta system.
- Reduce the risk to land use and associated economic activities, water supply, infrastructure, and the ecosystem from catastrophic breaching of Delta levees.

In the early stages of the CALFED Program, CALFED agencies, staff, and stakeholders developed the following “solution principles” to guide the development and implementation of the CALFED Program.

Reduce Conflicts in the System. Solutions will reduce major conflicts among beneficial uses of water.

Be Equitable. Solutions will focus on solving problems in all problem areas. Improvements for some problems will not be made without corresponding improvements for other problems.

Be Affordable. Solutions will be implementable and maintainable within the foreseeable resources of the Program and stakeholders.

Be Durable. Solutions will have political and economic staying power and will sustain the resources they were designed to protect and enhance.

Be Implementable. Solutions will have broad public acceptance and legal feasibility, and will be timely and relatively simple to implement compared with other alternatives.

Have No Significant Redirected Impacts. Solutions will not solve problems in the Bay-Delta system by redirecting significant negative impacts, when viewed in their entirety, within the Bay-Delta or to other regions of California.

